

REMARKS

Revocation of Power of Attorney

Applicant is enclosing herewith a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorney naming BRUCE H. TROXELL as attorney of record in this patent application. It is requested that all further correspondence regarding this matter be forwarded to TROXELL LAW OFFICE PLLC at the address listed on the enclosed form. A CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM is also being submitted herewith.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Appleton (U.S. 4,726,784).

Drawings

It is noted that the Examiner has accepted the drawings as originally filed with this application.

Amendments to Specification

Applicant has amended the specification as noted above to cure obvious grammatical and idiomatic inaccuracies. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the forgoing amendments to the specification.

New Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-3 and has added new claims 4-7 to this application. It is believed that the new claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art.

The new claims are directed toward a multiple socket having rotatable socket units comprising: a housing (11) having: a plurality of notches (12); a first conductive strap (12) having a plurality of first strap projecting pivotal ends (121), each of the plurality of first strap projecting pivotal ends being located in one of the plurality of

notches; and a second conductive strap (13) having a plurality of second strap projecting pivotal ends (131), each of the plurality of second strap projecting pivotal ends being located in one of the plurality of notches; and a plurality of socket units (2), each of the plurality of socket units being pivotally connected in one of the plurality of notches and having: a plurality of flanges (21); two insertion openings (25); a first insertion strap (22) located between two of the plurality of flanges and pivotally connected to one of the plurality of first strap projecting pivotal ends, the first insertion strap aligning with a first of the two insertion openings; and a second insertion strap (23) located between two of the plurality of flanges and pivotally connected to one of the plurality of second strap projecting pivotal ends, the second insertion strap aligning with a second of the two insertion openings.

Other embodiments of the present invention include: the housing includes a plurality of switches (37), each of the plurality of switches is electrically connected to one of the plurality of socket units; each of the plurality of switches includes an indication lamp (374); and each of the plurality of socket units includes an aperture (24), one of the plurality of first strap projecting pivotal ends and one of the plurality of second strap projecting pivotal ends is inserted through the aperture of each of the plurality of socket units.

The primary reference to Appleton teaches a connector for a terminal free cable including a main body (13), and three rotating elements (14-16) rotatably positioned in cavities (25) of the main body (13), and a ball (54) and a spring (56) connecting each of the rotating elements to terminals (28a-28c).

Appleton does not teach each of the plurality of socket units being pivotally connected in one of the plurality of notches; each of the plurality of socket units having insertion openings; a first insertion strap located between two of the plurality of flanges and pivotally connected to one of the plurality of first strap projecting pivotal ends; the first insertion strap aligning with a first of the two insertion openings; a second insertion strap located between two of the plurality of flanges and pivotally connected to one of the plurality of second strap projecting pivotal ends; nor does Appleton teach the second insertion strap aligning with a second of the two insertion openings.

It is axiomatic in U.S. patent law that, in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed structure, it must clearly disclose each and every feature of the claimed structure. Applicant submits that it is abundantly clear, as discussed above, that Appleton does not disclose each and every feature of Applicant's new claims and, therefore, could not possibly anticipate these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Absent a specific showing of these features, Appleton cannot be said to anticipate any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

It is further submitted that Appleton does not disclose, or suggest any modification of the specifically disclosed structures that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Thus, it is not believed that Appleton renders obvious any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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